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COMPROMISE PLAN GAINS IMPETUS

Lodge and Hitchcock Lay Cards on the Table—Vote on the Treaty Without Reservations is Certain.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Compromise moves to rescue the peace treaty from threatened deadlock made such progress today that its friends declared it had more than an even chance for success.

So far as it had taken definite form tonight, the compromise programme called for a final vote Thursday and pointed toward acceptance of the reservations of the foreign relations committee without the requirement that they must be assented to affirmatively by the other powers.

The way to compromise was opened by the group of mild reservation Republicans, who served notice on the Republican and Democratic leaders that they would not put up the bars entirely to modification of the committee reservations, but would stand against and defeat the administration's parliamentary programme.

With this final announcement of how their deciding strength would be used in the closing stages of the treaty contest, the mild reservationists retired to the background. The result was that Republican Leader Lodge and Democratic Leader Hitchcock faced each other and laid all their cards on the table.

The conference between the two leaders brought no final decision as to the language of a compromise ratification, but it did develop an agreement that the Democrats would have the opportunity for which they have fought to secure a showdown vote on the question of unreserved ratification. This vote, Mr. Lodge said, would be permitted before the roll call on the committee resolution.

Another result of the conference was the submission to Mr. Lodge tonight of a group of proposed compromise reservations with a view to making enough modification in the committee programme already approved by the Senate majority to enable the Democrats to support the committee resolution of ratification. On this point Senator Lodge was said to be insistent as he desired all compromise efforts to be made before the vote came on the committee measure.

Meantime in the Senate two more reservations were added to the 13 already adopted. The mild reservationists supported them as the final qualifications which they would help to write into the treaty, but the Senate extended its session far into the eve-

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ning, voting down numerous other proposals in an effort to clear the way before adjournment for work tomorrow on the ratification resolution itself.

PURPOSES OF THE COTTON ASSOCIATION

For the benefit of farmers and business men I will state some of the purposes of the Cotton Association to be organized at the court house in Prescott Saturday, Nov. 22, at 2 o'clock p. m.

To protect the interest of the cotton producer and improve his condition.

To eliminate the middle man and bring about a closer co-operation between the spinner and the producer.

To promote the economic regulation of cotton production to the end that the supply shall be so adjusted to demand that the producer shall at no time be required to sell his product at less than a fair and reasonable profit.

To broaden the markets for raw cotton and to enlarge the uses for cotton and cotton goods.

To improve and increase transportation and distribution facilities.

To improve and enlarge present warehouse facilities, thereby enabling the producer to carry his crop or such part of it as he desires at the minimum cost and at the maximum of security and financial ability.

To assist in the organizing of a financing corporation which will assist in financing the cotton crop and thus prevent the possibility of distressed cotton, thereby stabilizing the market and assuring profitable prices.

To maintain a bureau of publicity so as to keep the producer fully informed as to all conditions bearing on cotton.

L. J. Bryson.

APPLES, APPLES

A fresh car of apples, including the Black Twig and a variety of eating apples, has been received. Also apples for canning, cooking and preserving. If you will look my stock over, you will buy. L. E. Mullins, the apple man, West Main street. 18d6

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FREIGHT EMBARGO IS NOT PLANNED

Coal Production Has Increased 10 Per Cent—Railroads Are Hit Hard—Passenger Trains May Be Cancelled.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—The statement of Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, that the coal shortage has not reached a stage where a general freight embargo is necessary and that coal production has increased 10 per cent since the strike was the most encouraging news on the coal strike situation today. Reports from principal coal producing states showed no material change, but in some of the outlying districts more mines were reported in operation.

Mr. Hines came to Chicago to attend a meeting of the American Railway Association. Before his arrival regional directors had said an embargo was inevitable. But after Mr. Hines laid his information before them they agreed that the roads would have coal to last another 30 days.

Coal is being produced in spite of the strike, according to Mr. Hines. Nonunion miners continued at work when the strike became effective Nov. 1 and they produce 20 per cent of the country's coal. Since that time more miners have gone to work, increasing production to 30 per cent of normal.

"The country is using 20,000 cars of bituminous coal a day," said Mr. Hines, "while 11,000 cars are being mined. This means we are eating into our reserve supply at the rate of 9,000 cars a day. Our supply will last 25 days if production is neither increased nor decreased. However, it is being increased."

Mr. Hines said regional directors had been given authority to suspend passenger trains, if necessary, to conserve coal, but they have no authority to place an embargo on freight.

"Before we shut down on freight shipments most of the passenger trains on the railroads throughout the country will be taken off," he said. "Movement of freight is more vital than the carrying of passengers."

Only from 10 to 12 days' supply of fuel is advisable for railroads of the central western region, according to P. E. Clarity. In the northwest, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad has been hit the hardest by the coal famine. This road had only 10 days' supply on hand.

The suspension of many of the smaller plants in the south is expected in a few days. The railroad director in that region today issued an order materially curtailing the supply of coal to all industries.

The situation in Chicago is not serious, according to T. W. Proctor, chairman of the Chicago regional coal committee.

"Chicago is in excellent condition," he said. "Our utilities have several months' supply, as have our big industries, such as the packers and steel companies. The schools also have a large reserve."

The edict of the public service commission of Indiana, shutting off the supply of coal to all non essential industries, is to be carried out rigidly. All the streets in the large towns have been short of unnecessary lights.

GOVERNOR FORCED TO DECLINE POSSUM FEAST

Little Rock, Nov. 19.—Gov. C. H. Brough is passing up a possum feed. He expressed the desire to partake of the festive possum at the next annual dinner of the Polk County Possum Club, and now that the invitation has come, he is forced to decline. The invitation comes from Judge R. S. Petefish, whom Gov. Brough appointed a justice of the peace when a vacancy existed a few years ago, upon the showing that Petefish was the champion possum catcher of Polk county. The big dinner is to take place in Mena Friday evening.

We are expecting another advance on Valley Lumber Company lands after first of the year. Now is the time to get in on the present prices. Moore & Martin. 11-3-19

MANY NON-RESIDENT HUNTERS LICENSES ISSUED

Little Rock, Nov. 19.—Arkansas is getting more than its share of the hunters this season. Over 800 hunters' licenses have been issued from the office of the State Game and Fish Commission, and most of these are for non-resident hunters. Thousands of licenses have been issued for hunters and for dogs, but the most of them are made out by the circuit clerks on blanks furnished by the commission. The non-resident hunters come from New York, Boston, Washington, Chicago, Buffalo, and even from points further away than these. Most of these hunters come to the lodges in East Arkansas, to be guests of people who are members, and whom they have entertained in the East.

ENGINEER SURPRISED AT RICE DEVELOPMENT

Little Rock, Nov. 19.—Col. Henry A. Allen, chief engineer of the Dixie Power Company, a prominent consulting engineer of Chicago, and commander of the Seventh combatant engineers for over a year in France, was in Little Rock this week looking after the interests of the company. Col. Allen was one of the consulting engineers on the Panama Canal.

"I was amazed by the magnitude of the rice development in several counties of your state," said Col. Allen "but greater still is the chance for development. In fact, I would say that it has not really begun. Our company contemplates supplying the rice fields with cheap power from the dam we are to erect on White river, but if developed to the fullest there are not rivers enough in the state to supply sufficient power for this field. We hope to bring 50,000 horse power daily to the rice fields, and more if we can generate over our estimated production of 100,000 horsepower, and that ought to start the rice boom."

"Our project will not only supply cheap power, but we will do what the government has not so far succeeded in doing—we will make the flow of the White river almost the same the year round. Our dam will flood 150,000 acres of land and impound so much water that we will be able to let it all out through the turbines, and not over the spillway. This will relieve Newport of about eight feet of water in the flood stage, and Clarendon of four or five feet. This will be a great benefit to the property owners along the lower White, for it will render the present levee sufficient to hold the river in its banks."

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—

One sorrel Shetland pony, weight about 500 pounds. Long mane and tail, spot in forehead. 3 or 4 letters across left hip. Left my place last Monday. Any information leading to recovery will be liberally rewarded. W. L. Britt, Boughton, Ark. 14d2

U. S. ACTS TO AVERT FAMINE

Garfield Calls Miners' Scale Committee to Meet—Fuel Administration Clothed With War-time Powers.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The government stepped to the front today to force miners and operators to negotiate a new wage agreement and resume work in the bituminous fields before the country is in the grip of a coal famine.

Clothed with all of his wartime powers as fuel administrator and acting by direct authority of the president's cabinet, Dr. Harry A. Garfield called a joint meeting of scale committees, at which he was expected to give formal notice that the time had come to resume mining operations on a normal scale.

While the joint conference was set for this afternoon, Dr. Garfield found that a full attendance could not be obtained, so it went over until tomorrow. Meanwhile word was passed that the strike situation had reached that point where action was regarded by federal authorities as absolutely imperative.

There was no evidence, as presented to the cabinet, that the scale committees, called here last week to negotiate a new wage agreement, had made the least headway. Reports from the central competitive fields, embracing the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, strongholds of the United Mine Workers of America, showed all the mines shut down, and not enough coal coming from nonunion plants in other states to meet the normal demand by several million tons.

Other reports, from widely separated sections, brought the same story of a rapidly vanishing coal supply, with indications that hundreds of industrial plants would be forced to close shortly unless coal production was put back to normal. In view of many of the officials the situation was critical enough to demand drastic action.

Although he would not discuss the nature of the statement he was prepared to lay before the operators and miners, it was said on high authority that Dr. Garfield was prepared to present the situation forcibly to the chief representatives of the mine owners and mine workers. There was no intimation as to what direction governmental action would take in case the deadlock continued.

Steps taken by Kansas to operate the mines under government authority and fear by both sides that other states would do likewise were urged as a strong reason for quick settlement of all wage disputes.

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